

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 1, with the following amended paragraph:

--US patent No. 4 033 705 discloses a system for retaining blades axially, which system comprises, at each end of a blade root, a tenon which co-operates with two oblique mortises arranged in the rim of the disk on either side of the groove receiving the blade root. The ~~tenon~~ tenons provided on each face of the disk are held radially by a ring secured to the disk. Between each end face of the blade root and the adjacent tenon, that document provides for spring-forming sheet metal acting to prevent the tenon from moving radially while the blades are being assembled, prior to the retaining ring being put into place and fastened. Those springs create assembly clearance at each end of a blade, as can be seen in Figure 7 of that document, which clearance is not under control.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 23, with the following amended paragraph:

--On the downstream face 10 of the disk 2 there is secured a downstream flange plate 9 ~~(not shown in the drawings)~~ against which the roots 4 of the blades 3 come into abutment.--